

EPIDEMIC TYPHUS

(Louse-Borne Typhus)

- Caused by rickettsia obtained from lice
 - Increased risk in colder months
- Symptoms
 - Headache, chills, prostration, fever, and general pains
 - Rash after five to six days on upper trunk spreading to entire body but not usually face, palms, or soles
 - Severe symptoms and death possible
- Countermeasures → Prevent lice infestation
 - Use the DOD Insect Repellent System
 - Maintain proper hygiene

